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wherein said first and second polymer components are effective for providing controlled sustained release of said pharmaceutically active substance from said composition for up to at least 20 hours.

30. (Third Amendment) A controlled release pharmaceutical composition comprising:

(a) at least one pharmaceutically active substance having a water contact angle ( $\theta$ ) such that  $\cos \theta$  is between +0.9848 and -0.9848;

(b) a first intelligent polymer component comprising ethylcellulose

(c) a second intelligent polymer component having opposite wettability characteristics to said first intelligent polymer component, said second intelligent polymer component comprising hydroxyethylcellulose, or hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose, or a mixture of hydroxyethylcellulose and hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose, the first and second polymer components being present in a ratio in the range of about 1:100 to about 100:1 by weight,

wherein said first and second polymer components are effective for providing controlled sustained release of said pharmaceutically active substance from said composition for up to at least 20 hours; and

wherein components (a), (b) and (c) are formulated as a homogeneous matrix and said composition has a moisture content of less than 3%.

Please add the following claims 31-34:

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--31. (NEW) The composition of claim 1, wherein the first and second polymer components are effective for providing controlled sustained release of such pharmaceutically active substance from said composition for at least 15 hours.--

--32. (NEW) The composition of claim 30, wherein the first and second polymer components are effective for providing controlled sustained release of such pharmaceutically active substance from said composition for at least 15 hours.--

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- (a) at least one pharmaceutically active substance having a water contact angle ( $\theta$ ) such that  $\cos \theta$  is between +0.9848 and -0.9848;
- (b) a first intelligent polymer component; and
- (c) a second intelligent polymer component, having opposite wettability characteristics to said first intelligent polymer component, said second intelligent polymer component comprising hydroxyethylcellulose or a mixture of hydroxyethylcellulose and hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose, the first and second polymer components being present in a ratio in the range of about 1:100 to about 100:1 by weight,

wherein said first and second polymer components are effective for providing controlled sustained release of said pharmaceutically active substance from said composition.--

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- (b) a first intelligent polymer component comprising ethylcellulose

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*Cont* (c) a second intelligent polymer component having opposite wettability characteristics to said first intelligent polymer component, said second intelligent polymer component comprising hydroxyethylcellulose, or hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose, or a mixture of hydroxyethylcellulose and hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose, the first and second polymer components being present in a ratio in the range of about 1:100 to about 100:1 by weight,

wherein said first and second polymer components are effective for providing controlled sustained release of said pharmaceutically active substance from said composition; and

wherein components (a), (b) and (c) are formulated as a homogeneous matrix and said composition has a moisture content of less than 3%.--

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